

## WORK OF LIGHTNING BOLT.

MANY PEOPLE INJURED, SOME OF THEM PROBABLY FATAL.

A Methodist Church in New Jersey Struck Just When the Pastor Was Pronouncing the Benediction—A Wild Panic Among Those Present—Several Stamped—Horses Outside in the Sheds—All the Clothing Was Torn From the Sexton.

Flemington, N. J., Aug. 4.—The words of a fervent benediction here scarcely left the lips of Rev. Mr. Bowman in the Methodist church at Quakertown, seven miles from here, to-day, when there came a blinding flash of lightning and a terrific burst of thunder. The bolt entered the church and injured a score of people, several of them probably fatally. The list of those most seriously injured follows:

James Hoff, Minnie France, Miss K. Hoffman, Asa Damon, the sexton; Mrs. Bowman, wife of the pastor.

The bolt seemed to enter the edifice by the basement, shooting up through the floor and bursting with the force of a huge cannon. Members of the congregation who had started to leave or were standing in groups in conversation with each other were thrown into a wild panic, and at least twenty of them received injuries more or less severe.

Amid the uproar made the screams of women, the cries of children and the groans of the injured there was a stampede of frightened horses under the sheds outside. A number of them broke their tether and ran away, wrecking the carriages to which they were attached and dashing down sections of fencing.

Pastor Bowman and scores of willing hands were soon at work among the stricken ones. A number of them were unconscious and it was thought at first they had been killed outright. They were laid upon the pew cushions. The parsonage, which adjoins the church, was converted into a hospital, all the beds being pressed into service. Drs. Snider of Quakertown and France of Clinton quickly responded to calls upon them and attended the sufferers.

All the clothing was torn from Sexton Damon, while his shoes looked as though they had been run through a corn sheller, being literally cut to pieces. He is suffering from the shock and can hardly recover.

The bolt struck through the floor right at the feet of Minnie France, and she was thrown down with great violence. Her watch was melted and the timepiece looks as though it had gone through a furnace. Miss France's life is despaired of.

Mrs. Bowman, who stood near Miss France, was also thrown down. Her hat was torn from her head and a steel ripped clean out of her corset. She is still unconscious.

James Hoff got the full force of the electric shock and he lies in a semi-conscious condition. Examination after the excitement had subsided somewhat showed that the bolt struck an outer wall and ran down to the basement, sixty feet along the joists, and shot up through the floor like a huge bullet. The large bell in the tower was loosened from its hangings and only a slender strip of scantling kept it from crashing down upon the heads of scores of people at the doorway.

## TAILORS' STRIKE STILL ON.

Will Remain in Same Condition Until Meetings of Contractors.

New York, Aug. 4.—Meyer Schoenfeld, the leader of the garment workers' strike, said today that the strike had not been declared off and that it would not be until the Contractors' association meets to-morrow and decides to accept the new agreement. About 500 men and women went to work in shops to-day in this city, Brownsville and Brooklyn. These garment workers are employed by the contractors, about 400 in number, who have signed the new agreement.

At the headquarters of the Contractors' association to-day there was a quiet meeting in progress nearly all day. The contractors said that it had been decided to hold a meeting to-morrow afternoon, when it is expected the contractors who are in the association will decide formally to accept the strikers' terms.

## NEW YORK WEST DRY.

Police Were Stationed at the Doors of Some Saloons.

New York, Aug. 4.—To get evidence that would convict excise violators was difficult to-day, although the law was violated in many places. While arrests were fewer, the saloonkeepers were more cautious than they have been heretofore. All kinds of devices were resorted to.

In some cases the interior of a saloon would look deserted, but upon investigation would show that a temporary bar had been rigged up in some place where customers could be served and not seen from the street. The most flagrant violators of the Sunday law were along Park Row and around Chatham Square.

The policemen in uniform were stationed in front of saloons suspected of doing business. They stayed there until convinced that the places had stopped doing business. The East Thirty-fifth station had fifty men on duty this afternoon and still did not have enough men to guard all suspicious places, while the West Thirtieth street station in the Tenderloin had only nine such men on duty.

Died From Her Burns. Pawtucket, R. I., Aug. 4.—Mrs. Jane Carroll, aged fifty-five, a widow, living alone at Central Falls, died at the hospital this afternoon from the effects of burns received this morning caused by a lamp exploding and setting fire to her night clothes.

## SEAMER ISABEL STRANDED

On Staunton Rock Off Johnson's Point—Large Crews Viewed It Yesterday—Fast Yet Last Evening.

Brantford, Aug. 4.—The excursion steamer Isabel, on Staunton's Rock, off Johnson's Point at 10 o'clock last night, is to-night in the same position as when she went ashore on Saturday night. The steamer is far up on the rock with her bow head on and her stern low down in the water, the gunwales almost flush with the water.

Ever since midnight Saturday night the tugboat James H. Hogan of the New Haven Towing company, which was the first to reach the stranded steamer, has been attempting to haul the excursion steamer off the rocks, but she is so firmly on the reef that it has been impossible for the tugboat to pull her off. The weather to-day has been calm on the sound and the steamer rested easily. She has sustained little injury.

This evening one of Thomas A. Scott's wrecking steamers reached here, but it was found that the derrick of Scott's apparatus was too small to be of any value in getting the steamer off the rocks. The Chapman Wrecking company of New York was telegraphed to and late to-night one of that company's tugs arrived with wrecking apparatus and derrick. The tide was flood at 10 o'clock to-night and another attempt was made to get the steamer off, but without success. The wreckers have decided to begin work to-morrow morning. They will attach one of the big derricks to the stranded steamer and will lift it off the rocks in deep water.

There were great numbers of visitors to the scene of the stranded steamer to-day. Sailing parties from New Haven came down and boarded the steamer, while many viewed the steamer's position from Double Beach.

The boat was chartered yesterday by the Brantford Episcopal church for a picnic party from Brantford to Pleasure Beach. The Isabel had left the party back at Brantford and was leaving Brantford when she struck the rock. Captain Smith of the steamer says that the bright moonlight dazzled his eyes so much that he was unable to see the obstruction in the water. There were on board at the time the steamer's crew of fourteen men, but no passengers. The Isabel was returning to Bridgeport when the accident occurred.

## SENSATIONAL NEWS EXPECTED.

Matters of Great Interest Soon to Affect Central American Affairs.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Private dispatches received from Guatemala this evening indicate that sensational developments affecting, possibly, the future of Central America, may be expected within the next three days. These advices state that President Barrios of Guatemala has formed a secret alliance with Costa Rica, looking to the formation of a union of all the Central American states with Guatemala exercising the dominant influence in the new federation. The first step in this program will be the downfall of the present Bonilla administration in Honduras, and the appointment of Bonilla's successor in the person of Marco Soto. This last named gentleman is favorable to the proposition, and if the present plans are perfected so that he may by a coup in the "Etat assume the presidential office, the assistance of Honduras can be obtained in the plan for a federation of the five states and Nicaragua and Salvador will thus, it is claimed, be compelled to join with the other republics as a matter of self interest.

Marco Soto filled for a number of years the office of president of Honduras. He owed his elevation to the chief magistracy to the aid of General Rufino Barrios, who was then the dictator of Guatemala, and a great political and military force in Central America. When Barrios made war on Salvador Soto refused to co-operate with him. Barrios therefore incited a revolution in Honduras, and Soto was overthrown. Subsequently Barrios was killed, and his scheme of a Central American union came to naught.

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Church and Barns Burned. St. Johnsbury, Vt., Aug. 4.—The Congregational church at Danville and the barns of Fred Frye, at the same place, were burned Saturday night. Cause of fire unknown.

Surprise of the Day. Glens Falls, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Yesterday was the last day of the breeders' meeting here. The attendance was 2,000. The surprise of the day was Leonatus, the six-year-old winner of the 229 trot, making 2:17 1/4 in the fourth and fifth heats.

## LIGHTHOUSE GROVE RAIDED

POLICE ARREST MANY SUNDAY LIQUOR LAW VIOLATORS.

Caught Dispensing Intoxicating Liquors Under the Name—Proprietors and Assistants Placed Under Arrest—Down Town Saloon Raided and Men Caught Drinking Also Arrested.

As a result of the new law in reference to illegal liquor selling, enacted at the recent session of the General assembly, eighteen arrests were made by the members of the local police department yesterday and all will appear in the city court this morning, the first victims of the new law. Among this number are eight men who were found in the act of drinking in one of the saloons raided.

The most important capture of the day was that made at Lighthouse Grove. For several weeks past complaint has been made that the law was openly violated in and around the grove, and that intoxicating drinks were being dispensed as openly as water. In view of these circumstances the police determined to break up the practice if possible, and as the new law backs the authorities up in every particular it was decided to try the workings of it yesterday.

Accordingly about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon two hacks were driven into the driveway in the rear of police headquarters and Sergeant Driscoll and Patrolmen C. J. Egan, C. O. Bowers, Gates, Sessler, P. Roche, Good and McDermott, entered and were driven rapidly in the direction of the east shore. The curtains on the hacks were drawn tight so as to prevent the passengers on the electric cars seeing who were the occupants of the hacks and arriving at the grove before the hacks gave away the intended raid.

Luck was with the raiding party, however, and they were enabled to accomplish their mission without any hitch in the program. On the city side of Tomlinson bridge the party fell in with a funeral procession, consisting of a hearse and four or five hacks, going in the direction of the grove, and immediately fell in line, thus forming apparently a part of the funeral procession.

When the funeral procession arrived near the grove the two rear hacks dropped out of line and were driven at a rapid gait to Gillen & Quinn's saloon at Lighthouse Grove. The officers immediately got out and were for a moment confused to find the saloon tightly closed. Their astonishment, however, lasted for only a few moments, for just over to the left of the saloon in a clump of trees was a fully equipped bar, where there were also a number of bartenders dispensing liquors to a thirsty horde.

The officers immediately went to the place and placed the proprietors of the place, Patrick Gillen and John Quinn, and four tenners, James Nugent, Patrick Quinn, William Connors and Charles Connors, under arrest. A short distance further on another bar was discovered, over which Michael Pagter and Simon Goldstein presided. Here, in addition to a quantity of lager, were found a number of tickets bearing the letters "Y. H. F." The two men were also arrested. They claim that they were members of a Hebrew society known as the "Young Hebrew Fraternity," and that no liquors were sold to any one, but were only given to members of the club, who were at the grove on a day's outing, and only to those who had the tickets stamped "Y. H. F."

All the men were put into the hacks and brought up to police headquarters and locked up, charged with violation of the Sunday liquor law. They were subsequently released under bonds of \$200 each.

The Grand avenue police also held their end up in good shape. Patrolmen Clancy, Poronto, Gates and P. Roche went to Charles Tothertill's saloon at 27 Water street and found him and his bartender, Robert D. Byers, dispensing liquid refreshments to eight thirsty men, the majority of whom were sailors. All hands were arrested and locked up, charged with violation of the liquor law. The eight men who were caught drinking, and who gave the names of Charles A. Ferry, Timothy Duane, William A. Raffue, Thomas Farrell, Michael Nolan, William Andria, Henry Ehrenspenger and Henry Bourry, were also arrested and locked up in default of bonds of \$50 each.

These are the first victims of the new law, which provides a penalty of \$7 and costs each for thirty days in jail, or both, for any one caught drinking in a public place during illegal hours. The bonds for Tothertill and Byers were placed at \$200 each. All subsequently secured bonds and were released, but will be arraigned in the city court this morning.

## ON THE BALL FIELD.

Results of the Games in the Big League Yesterday.

At Cincinnati—Louisville made it three straight by winning this afternoon. It was a pitcher's battle in which Cunningham came out victor, the home team being unable to hit him at critical moments. The score:

Cincinnati . . . 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 3-4  
Louisville . . . 0 2 0 0 0 0 2 1-3  
Bat hits—Cincinnati 9, Louisville 10.  
Errors—Cincinnati 3, Louisville 1. Batteries—Cunningham and Warner; Foreman and Vaughan.

At Chicago—St. Louis lost to-day's game through inability to hit Griffith or Terry. Griffith had a finger split in the third inning and retired. Kissinger was hit hard at times, but the magnificent support he received kept the score down. The Chicago's played a loose fielding game, and their base running was stupid. The score:

Chicago . . . 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 1-3  
St. Louis . . . 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 2-4  
Base hits—Chicago 10, St. Louis 3.  
Errors—Chicago 7, St. Louis 10. Batteries—Griffith, Terry and Kittredge; Donahue, Kissinger and Miller.

## AT THE CALVARY BAPTIST.

Rev. Mr. Gallagher, a Temporary Pastor, Preaches to a Large Audience—The Church Filled Despite the Weather.

Despite the sultriness of the evening Calvary Baptist church was filled last night with a large audience, anxious to hear Rev. Dr. H. M. Gallagher, a former pastor of the church.

Dr. Gallagher spoke on the subject, "Fire on the Seashore," the lesson being drawn from Paul's life.

He said that Paul was the foremost man of his time in usefulness, in courage, in cheerfulness and in helpfulness. In speaking of an incident in Paul's life, he said: The barbarians at first thought that he was a criminal, and then when he did not die, they thought he was a god. Man is the only animal in the world in which kindness is generally inherent. The herd of deer chases the wounded deer from their midst. Ducks do the same thing, and all animals but man are devoid of a sense of kindness. Man is always kind to his fellows, and especially to his suffering fellows. It is not just to think because man is suffering that he is bad. We often think if a man is unfortunate that he is a victim of punishment from God, but this is not necessarily true. Happiness and cheerfulness should have a great place in our lives. He, in whose breast happiness has not a seat is indeed unfortunate and loses one of the great joys of life.

Paul found these three things lacking in the barbarians, and when he looked about among them for comfort and warmth, he got poison. The czar of Russia can hardly be cheerful when he nightly goes to sleep with the fear that his enemies may assassinate him before the morning, "and," said Mr. Gallagher, "I would rather be a poor preacher talking in Calvary Baptist church than that czar with his wearing load of care."

Various lessons were drawn by the preacher from the example of Paul among the barbarians, and those of Paul were pointed out which are essential to man's well being, illustrations being taken from Old Testament incidents.

"All the irony in these lessons," said Mr. Gallagher, "is not directed against bad men, some is against good men. It teaches us that this life is not our real life. We seek another and a better one in that immortal country where iron ceases and sorrow is at an end and where Jacob no more 'goes down in sorrow to the grave.'"

Dr. Gallagher is a most eloquent speaker and the large audience was kept interested through every moment of his discourse by his graphic illustrations and by his vivid portrayal of humanity.

## WORK OF AN ANARCHIST.

This Time the Assassin Met the Death Itended For His Victim.

Paris, Aug. 4.—News has been received here of an attempt to murder M. Vuillemin, managing director of the Vullimor lockup to-day charged with criminal assault upon a woman. Sunday afternoon, June 30, while drunk, Joseph and William O'Brien obtained an entrance into the house of James Foster, a reputable citizen of Norton. They severely injured Foster and Joseph O'Brien committed the assault upon Foster's wife. Both have been hiding since until Saturday night, July 27, when in the absence of Foster, they entered Foster's house and both committed a similar assault upon Mrs. Foster. William once jumped ball in Ohio while under arrest charged with a like offense.

Last night three officers made a midnight visit to the O'Brien home and seized Joseph after a struggle. After a long search the officers finally found William O'Brien at a notorious house. The O'Briens were brought to Attleboro and lodged in jail. Their case will come up before the district court to-morrow morning.

AT PAWSON PARK YESTERDAY.  
The Margaret Takes a Large Party—The Stranded Steamer Isabel Seen By the Excursionists.

Fully 250 people took advantage of the pleasant afternoon yesterday and went to Pico Park, Pawson Park and Pot Island and Brantford Point on the steamer Margaret. The majority landed at Pawson park, where they were treated to an excellent concert by the Brantford band of twenty-five pieces under the able direction of the leader, Paul Lander.

The following program was very well rendered:

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Who's Dat a Calling.  
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Honey-moon—By request.

Selection—Lucretia Borgia.  
Cocoanut Dance.  
Reminiscences of Bellini.  
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## EXAMINED THE DEFENDER.

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ADMIRE THE BEAUTIFUL CRAFT.

Small Boats Were in Demand—At Night the Yachts of the New York Fleet Were Lighted Up—Races For the Drexel Cup Will Take Place To-morrow Off Brenton's Reef.

Cottage City, Mass., Aug. 4.—The yachts of the New York club rode peacefully at anchor to-day. Cottagers and hotel people thronged the shores of the bay and gazed upon the fleet. The trolley cars from Cottage City did a rushing business and hackmen reaped a harvest. The boats almost completely filled the cove between Vineyard Haven and East Chop and made a fine spectacle. The only formality to-day, beside the usual morning gun and striking colors at sundown, was to dress ship at 12 o'clock. This proceeding caused exclamations of pleasure from the spectators on shore. In the evening the yachts were lighted up as usual.

The interest of the shore folks to-day was mainly centered in the Defender. Small boats were in demand and she was constantly surrounded. The Vigilant, Jubilee and Volunteer also received much attention. The fleet is the largest that ever visited Vineyard Haven.

To-morrow morning an early start will be made for Newport, as in all probability it will be a beat to windward. On Tuesday the races for the Drexel cups will take place off Brenton's Reef. The yachts will be in racing trim. The start will be off Brenton's Reef light ship; preparatory signal 10:50 a. m. Written entries will be received on board the Sylvia up to 8 o'clock on the morning of the race.

In the evening there will be an illumination of the harbor and a naval parade. This will terminate the cruise, but the citizens of Newport have arranged for four additional days of racing to follow. The Defender, Vigilant, Volunteer and the Jubilee will take part in the race for sloops, which will be on alternate days, with schooner races in between.

A large reception was held aboard the Defender this afternoon at the request of her owner, William E. Vanderbilt. All the fleet captains accompanied by their ladies and guests went aboard at 4 p. m. and it was not until nearly 6 that they left.

This afternoon the Lascas left for Bar Harbor and to-night the Iroquois and Alcoa sailed in company for the same place.

## TWO ASSAULTERS ARRESTED.

Desperados Who Have Been in Hiding at Last Locked Up.

Attleboro, Mass., Aug. 4.—Two desperados living near Barrowsville, just over the Norton line, are lodged in the Attleboro lockup to-day charged with criminal assault upon a woman. Sunday afternoon, June 30, while drunk, Joseph and William O'Brien obtained an entrance into the house of James Foster, a reputable citizen of Norton. They severely injured Foster and Joseph O'Brien committed the assault upon Foster's wife. Both have been hiding since until Saturday night, July 27, when in the absence of Foster, they entered Foster's house and both committed a similar assault upon Mrs. Foster. William once jumped ball in Ohio while under arrest charged with a like offense.

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## WILL SAIL AUGUST 10.

Consolidated Officials in Europe Have Visited Many Interesting Places.

The officers of the Consolidated road who attended the international convention of railroad managers in London will sail from Havre August 10 for New York and will probably arrive on the evening of the 16th or morning of the 17th.

At the conclusion of the convention the party visited Edinburgh, Scotland, and returning to London they left Sunday, July 14, for Ostend on the coast of Belgium.

They then visited The Hague, Amsterdam in Holland; Berlin, Cologne, Coblenz, Bingen on the Rhine and then went to Frankfurt on the Rhine by boat, arriving there July 20. They left Frankfurt July 22 for Paris, stopping at various places on the route.

The party will remain at Paris until they leave for Havre, August 10, to sail for home.

## Broadword Contest To-day.

A grand broadword contest will take place this afternoon at 4:30 between Prof. Generoso Pavese, champion of the world, and Prof. John Martinez, champion of England, for a purse of \$500. Nicolin's band will furnish music.

## Sadly Bereaved.

Mr. John J. Hogan, the well known plumber on State street, near Edwards, has been sadly bereaved in the death of his little two-year-old son, who passed away yesterday morning after an illness of a few days. The little fellow was brought safely through two attacks of pneumonia a few months ago, but in his weakened condition a malarial attack came on, which, despite the best medical skill and devoted care, proved fatal. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of their many friends and neighbors.

## After 'Em in New Britain.

New Britain, Aug. 4.—The new liquor law passed by the last legislature was enforced in this city to-day by the police making three raids and arresting the parties found in the saloons with the proprietors. At 10 o'clock this morning a squad of officers detailed by Chief of Police Johnson raided the saloon of Fred Beloins on Lafayette street and found three men drinking in the place. They were taken to the station house with the owner of the saloon, and afterwards bailed out. The officers afterwards visited the saloon kept by William O'Brien and Daniel O'Leary on Main street, and found a number of men in both places drinking. All were arrested.

## The T. A. B. Delegates.

The following are the delegates from this city to the national silver jubilee convention of the Roman Catholic Temperance societies, which is to be held in New York, August 7 to 11:

St. Patrick's Young Men—Joseph J. Patton and Rev. Father Russell.  
St. Aloysius (St. John's)—James F. Brennan.

Sacred Heart Young Men—Frank P. Gilfin.  
St. Agnes' Ladies—Mrs. Thomas Flood.

The Connecticut State union will send Major Walter Fitzmaurice of New London, Miss Mamie Sullivan of New Haven and James Hogan of Hartford. J. Derby of the Father Mathew society of Hartford will also represent the capital city.

## G. A. R.

At the regular weekly meeting of Admiral Foote post, G. A. R., Saturday night, A. E. Jones, the baggagemaster at the Union station, was mustered in.

## At Schutzen Park.

The Ladies' society of St. Boniface church will give a picnic at Schutzen Park on Wednesday.

## OWANUX CANOE CLUB.

The Owanux Canoe association opened its seventh annual camp at Merwin's Beach on Saturday, arriving there in the afternoon after a pleasant sail from Bridgeport, the headquarters of the club. The club will remain in camp during the entire week, and on Tuesday and Wednesday will have a series of races. On Thursday they will have a fancy dress parade through the streets of Woodmont, and on Friday night they will join with the cottagers in the beautiful marine display to be given that night.

E. C. Bogart of Bridgeport is commander of the club and G. G. Langzett of New Haven is vice commander. H. A. Hill of Bridgeport, well known here, is secretary and treasurer. Some of the members of the club who are either there or will arrive during the week are A. Langzett, G. H. Langzett, Herman Langzett, T. F. Vose of Bridgeport, W. A. Stark of Ansonia, Dr. Sidney Bishop, Edward A. Cooper, C. T. Gilbert of New Haven, Amos Lowden, Henry L. and W. H. Orters of Bridgeport, J. H. and S. B. Rowland, Frank G. Bogart and G. H. Thorpe.

The regatta committee consists of J. L. Douglas, G. H. Langzett, H. L. Orters. The comp committee consists of T. F. Vose, A. Langzett and L. F. Orters. The members have pitched their tents a little ways above the high water line and are preparing to have a good time. Although canoeing it not what it used to be, there are some good boats in the fleet, among which are Commander Bogart's Estelle, A. Langzett's Sasso and H. Langzett's Herman.

## Drowned in Little Hell Gate.

New York, Aug. 4.—John Hartman, Joseph Whitkey and Alexander Whitkey, his infant son, were drowned in Little Hell Gate to-night by the capsizing of a yacht. Mrs. Hartman and her seven-year-old son were saved.

## FIRE MAY BE A DEATH BLOW

A TOWN HAS NEARLY BEEN WIPED OUT BY A BIG FIRE.

Very Little Merchandise in the Town of Sprague Was Saved—Many of the Citizens Are Homeless—Special Train on the Way to the Burned District With Supplies.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 4.—Sprague, the county seat of Lincoln county and the division point and location of the Northern Pacific car shops, and having a population of 2,000, was almost destroyed by fire yesterday. A high wind, amounting almost to a hurricane, was blowing at the time, and the fire swept over the town with resistless fury, destroying over \$1,000,000 worth of property in two hours' time. The fire broke out in the livery stable on the south side of the railroad track, and from there the flames swept across to the north side, and within half an hour both sides of the track were a seething mass of flames.

On the north side the depot was the first to go, and from there the flames spread to the railroad headquarters building, ice houses, hotels and railroad restaurants, taking everything in the shape of a building. From the starting point another arm of the fire began to lick up the buildings on the south side of the tracks. First two blocks of frame buildings facing the tracks went like a flash, and the immense car shops and round house next took fire. Seven of the engines were gotten out in time to save them before the round house fell in, burying three others. The huge oil tanks in the rear of the shops exploded, scattering the burning oil around and served to spread the fire to the business portion of the town. The firemen were powerless to stay the sea of flames, and within an hour every business house, with the exception of three small stores and the First National bank, were in ashes.

Very little, if any merchandise was saved. Last night many of the citizens were homeless. A special train left here last night, carrying food and tents to the sufferers. The fire may be a death blow to Sprague, as it is probable that the Northern Pacific will move its shops here. The fire broke out in the livery stable on the south side of the railroad track, and from there the flames swept across to the north side, and within half an hour both sides of the track were a seething mass of flames.

## AT THE FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. C. H. Buck Preaches to His Old Congregation—Many New Haveners Turn Out to Greet a Former Pastor.

The Rev. C. H. Buck, a former pastor of the First M. E. church and also of the old St. John street M. E. church, preached to a large congregation, among them many of his old friends here, at the former place last evening. His subject was "The Love of Christ Constrained Me," and he spoke in part as follows:

"The love of God is in the world. You may quench the hope of ambition, but never the hopes of love. The Christian that has love will never be a fickle, uncertain Christian. Love for God lingers when the love for wife, sister or child is forgotten. It is engraven on every Christian heart deeper than the love of home. Would you then, my friend, have this love to make you a true, every-day Christian? The factions of every-day life will not drive it away, old age will not drive it away; it will always be a never-failing fountain. Love of God can cast a ray of light even into the darkest heart. Even our very wretchedness grows dear to us if we suffer it for love's sake. That father does not grow weary of tolling for his children; that mother, in doing for loved ones, does not regret the nights of broken sleep, even though it may blanch the cheek and break the health. It was for love that the Christians of old could sing down in the dungeons.

"Our hearts must be in our religion, and religion must be in our hearts. Without